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Arlington May 11th 1780

Whereas the Brd of War at their Sessions February Last Did Resolve that in case the Continent does not furnish provision for our Troops in the frontiers it be recommended to each Town to furnish their Soldiers with provision, on such ~~terms~~ towns being acquainted by me that such provision will be wanted_ and whereas the Continental provision is Stoped for the present, and provision of the meat kind is not now to be purchased and as the Enemy are daily ~~Le~~xpected on our frontiers and the soldiers now raised are almost intirely out of Meat, and if they are obliged to quit the posts on our Frontiers for want of provision it will be attended with consequences that will be very distressing.

Therefore you are hereby directed to Collect thirty pounds of salt pork for each man raised by your Town or ordered to be raised for the defence of said frontiers and forward the same to the house of Edw. Mead at Rutland Immediately whose receipt you will take for said pork and if the pork cannot be collected without you will take the same from the inhabitants in proportion to what they have & their families_ you will use the utmost of your discretion in collecting said pork and as it is of the absolute necessity, you will not fail to carry this order into Execution for which this shall be your sufficient warrant_ You will keep accounts of the pork you furnish and the Expence of transportation for which your town will be paid by this State. The Selectmen of the